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REMARKS

Claims 14-22 and 26-37 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Contrary to the Disposition of Claims states by the Examiner, claims 30 and 31 are still under consideration. Amendments to the specification are at page 2. Claims 14, 22, 26, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 37 have been amended herein to clarify what applicants regard as the invention – such amendments are not intended to limit the scope of the claimed invention. Applicants' representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner indicating that claims 14, 22, 26, 29, 32, 33 and 37 would be allowable if amended to overcome the claim objections and rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112. The herein amendments are believed to overcome such rejection(s), and therefore these claims and claims 15-21, 27, 28, 30, 31 and 34-36 (which respectively depend there from) are believed to be in condition for allowance.

I. Rejection of Claims 33-37 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 33-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as not providing proper antecedence. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn in view of the herein amendments to independent claim 33 and dependent claims 35-37.

II. Conclusion

The present application is believed to be condition for allowance in view of the above amendments and comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

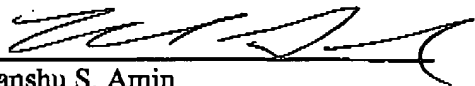
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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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